



## SECTION 00020

### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received by the **City of Hollister** at the **Office of the City Clerk, 375 Fifth St., Hollister, CA 95023** until **2:00 p.m., October 12, 2006**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for performing work as follows:

Furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and performing all work necessary and incidental for the construction of improvements designated as: **Domestic Wastewater System Improvements (DWSI)-Phase I. The project estimate is \$55 to \$60 million dollars.**

For bidders questions or inquiries contact Bill Little at Harris & Associates at (408) 842-5777 Ext. 238 or email at [wlittle@harris-assoc.com](mailto:wlittle@harris-assoc.com).

The complete bid package, drawings, specifications, and addendum will be issued ELECTRONICALLY and are available for free by downloading the bidding documents at: <http://www.hollister.ca.gov/Site/html/openbid.asp>. Plan holders must register before they can view or purchase the bid package.

After registering at the City's website as a plan holder a free CD will be mailed to the registered plan holder within 3 days. Potential bidders can purchase a hard copy of the bid package from East Bay Blue Print at 510-261-2990 or at Peninsula Digital at 650-967-1966. The approximate cost for a full size set of plans and specifications is about \$500 and a half size set of plans and specifications is \$200. Partial drawings or specifications can also be purchased. The downloaded electronic files or the electronic CD can be used to print full or half size drawings, specifications, Geotech reports and other documents at any printing company.

Potential bidders, sub-bidders, and suppliers are responsible for reviewing the complete bidding documents and for collecting all addenda prior to placing a bid. Addenda and revisions will not be forwarded automatically. All bidders shall register at the City's website as a plan holder to receive updates and addenda and to view the bidding documents and the plan holders list. Potential bidders are advised to check the City's website periodically and prior to submitting their bid.

Improvements shall be in accordance to plans and specifications prepared by **HydroScience Engineers, Inc.** The work shall include, but not be limited to demolition, subsurface site liquefaction remediation with stone columns, site grading, paving, fencing, modification of existing facilities, installation of electrical and control systems, concrete facilities, grit removal facilities, wastewater screening facilities, immersed membrane bioreactor (MBR) system, pumps, blowers, aeration diffusers, valves, piping, odor control, pump stations, solids handling facilities, septage receiving facilities, cranes, chemical feed facilities, operations building, dissolved air flotation equipment, HVAC systems, and all miscellaneous Work as required for a complete and operational DWSI –Phase I facility.

**Project Schedule:** The Work shall be completed in two parts. The completion dates for the Work of Part 1 and Part 2 are called Milestone 1 and 2, respectively. Milestone 1 date is 730 consecutive calendar days from the date of the first day of Work given in the Notice to Proceed when the successful Bidder (Contractor) is required to complete the construction, installation and start-up of the treatment plant process train, as detailed in Section 00800-2.0, *Time Allowed for Completion*. Milestone 2 date is 180 consecutive calendar days after completion of Milestone 1 not to exceed a total contract period of

910 consecutive calendar days from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, when the Contractor is required to complete all the Work as specified in the Contract Documents.

**Liquidated Damages** for missing Milestone 1 will be assessed in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for each calendar day. In addition, the liquidated damages for missing Milestone 2 will be eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for each calendar day the Work remains incomplete. Liquidated damages for Milestone 1 and liquidated damages for Milestone 2 will not be assessed concurrently.

**Incentive for Early Completion of Milestone 1:** There is an incentive of **\$25,000.00** for each calendar day that the *treatment facilities described in Milestone 1* are fully operational and accepted by the City before the Milestone 1 date of 730 calendar days, to a total maximum incentive of **\$3,000,000.00.**

A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 12, 2006 at the City Hall and the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant. The pre-bid conference shall begin at the City Hall which is located at 375 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA 95023. At this conference, representatives of the City, Engineer and Construction Manager will discuss the bid documents, site constraints, order of work and other items specific to this project. An organized project tour of the worksite will follow this meeting. The City encourages Bidders to send their employee(s) in charge of their estimate for this project to this conference. A sign-in sheet will be available up until 10:15 a.m. only. **Attendance at the pre-bid conference and site tour is mandatory for bidding.** Bids received from Bidders not having signed the sign-in sheet and attended the pre-bid conference and site tour will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Attendance by subcontractors is not required, but all interested subcontractors are encouraged to attend. The City will post Addenda to the City's website as the City considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective. The City reserves the right to hold additional mandatory pre-bid meetings.

An **additional site visit** has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 26, 2006 at the City of Hollister Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant. This additional site visit is not mandatory but is scheduled for the convenience of the bidders to allow the General Contractors to meet on the site with subcontractors prior to the bid date. The City, Engineer, and the Construction Manager will be present.

Bidding procedures are prescribed in the Contract Documents. Bids shall be executed upon the forms bound and made a part of the Contract Documents.

A Bid guaranty in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total aggregate of the bid, including all Additive and/or Alternate Bid Items shall accompany each bid. This bid guaranty is to be forfeited should the bidder, if awarded the contract, fail to enter into the same, or fails to furnish the bonds and/or proof of insurance as stipulated in the Contract Documents. The checks or bond shall be made payable to the **City of Hollister**.

Pursuant to the provisions of California Labor Code Section 6707, each bid submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid shall contain, as a bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or equivalent method, for the protection of life or limb in trenches and open excavation, exceeding five feet, which shall conform to applicable safety orders. By entering an amount for this bid item, the bidder warrants that its action does not convey tort liability to the Owner, the Design Consultant, the Construction Manager, and their officers, employees, agents, and subconsultants.

Pursuant to Sections 1770, et. seq., of the California Labor Code, the successful bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the office of the

**City of Hollister, Office of the City Clerk, 375 Fifth St., Hollister, CA 95023** where copies will be made available to any interested party on request. These rate determinations may also be found on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations' website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/statistics-research.html>.

The successful contractor and its subcontractors shall employ the appropriate number of apprentices, in each apprenticeable craft, on the project site as stipulated in California Labor Code, 1777.5.

The successful bidder must insure that its policies and practices provide equal opportunity to all applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, ancestry, citizenship, national origin, handicap, mental condition, veteran or marital status. The successful bidder must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, for monies earned by the Contractor and withheld by the **City of Hollister** to ensure the performance of the Contract, the Contractor, may, at its option, choose to substitute securities meeting the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 22300, or have the retained, earned monies deposited in an escrow account at a federal or state chartered bank.

All bidders shall be licensed, under the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3, of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California, to do the type of work shown in the Contract Documents. In accordance with provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the Owner has determined that the Contractor shall possess a valid **Class A-1 General Engineering Contractor** License at the time that the **Contract is awarded**. Failure to possess the specified license shall render the bid as non-responsive.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, as well as a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

Each bidder shall submit with its bid a statement setting forth its experience on the forms included in the Bid Proposal.

The two (2) lowest Bidders shall submit Escrow Bid Documents after the Bid opening within the time schedule required in the contract documents.

Telephones will not be available to bidders for the preparation of bids or for calling in bid results. Bid forms received after the designated time will not be accepted.

No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any irregularities in the bids.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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